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BEN BARKA.

TWO HIGHLY REPUTABLE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS AND ONE ITALIAN HAVE TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICERS WITH WHOM THEY HAD DISCUSSED BEN BARKA CASE HAVE TRIED TO CONVINCE THEM OF CIA INVOLVEMENT. ACCORDING ONE SOURCE, ALLEGATION WAS MADE BY FRENCH PRESS ATTACHE.

JANUARY 31, SENIOR ISTIQLAL PARTY OFFICER IN PRESENCE PARTY PRESIDENT, ALLAL AL-FASSI, INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT "HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL FRENCH CONTACT" IS TRYING CONVINCE THEM AND OTHER MOROCCANS THAT CIA IMPLICATED.

WE HAVE HEARD AND LOCAL [REDACTED] CONFIRMS THAT "LONDON EXPRESS" CORRESPONDENT VISITED RABAT DURING WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29 AND THAT HIS PAPER THEREAFTER CARRIED STORIES RAISING QUESTION OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT. PERHAPS EMBSSY LONDON MAY HAVE SOME COMMENT ON THIS POINT.

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